

TIME TABLES.

The following tables give the time of arrival and departure of passenger trains at Reno.

ARRIVE	TRAINS	DEPART
7:15 a. m.	No. 1, Eastbound Ex.	7:45 a. m.
10:05 a. m.	No. 3, Eastbound Ex.	10:30 a. m.
9:20 a. m.	No. 2, Westbound Ex.	9:45 a. m.
5:35 p. m.	No. 4, Westbound Ex.	6:00 p. m.

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HUMBOLDT NEWS.

Snowed In—Sheep Hunting—Sickness—Rough On Stock.

The Silver State of the 15th inst.

says:

The deep snow which fell last Sunday has almost buried several flocks of sheep.

There are flocks in Eden Valley and in Paradise Valley where the snow is about two feet deep.

Railroad men say there are several thousand in the valley near Mill City in the deep snow and a small flock belonging to Thomas Nelson was snowed in at Rose Creek, and hay was shipped by rail from this place yesterday to feed them.

J. W. Morris, who has charge of several thousand head of Thomas Nelson's sheep, was in town yesterday.

He says the snow is twenty inches deep on the level in Grass Valley, notwithstanding which sheep are getting along comparatively well. They are turned loose in the big brush, and take care of themselves as best they can. They feed on the brush, and, of course, do not attempt to flounder around much in the snow.

There never was a time in the history of Humboldt when so many persons were sick as at present. The influenza, la grippe, or whatever it may be, is taking hold of everybody, and it is difficult to get nurses for the worst cases. Fortunately the disease scarcely ever takes a serious turn, and there are no fatal cases, but it prostrates its victims for the time, so that they are unable to help themselves or anybody else.

Fred Sperry, who arrived from Paradise valley since the big storm last Sunday, says the snow was at least two feet deep Monday morning all over the valley. The outlook for stock running at large is as blue as it will could be, while the prospects for plenty of water, which means abundant grain and hay crops next summer, is all that could be desired.

Walker Blaine Dies of Pneumonia at Washington.

A Washington dispatch of the 15th inst. says: Walker Blaine, Solicitor of the State Department, and son of the Secretary of State, is dead.

Young Blaine died of acute pneumonia, superinduced by an attack of la grippe. He had been ill only a few days, and his death is a sudden and severe shock to his friends, while the family is prostrated with grief. He was not feeling well at all last week, and Friday he became much worse, and was compelled to take to his bed. The Secretary gave a dinner party Monday night, and Walker Blaine was then feeling so much better he sat up for some time chatting with the guests and afterwards walked about the house. He contracted additional cold, which quickly settled on his lungs and developed into acute pneumonia last night. This morning his condition was so alarming that all immediate relatives of the family were hastily summoned here by telegraph. He was delirious most of the day.

FOUND DEAD.

An Old Miner Dies Alone in His Mine.

The Plumas (Cal.) National of the 11th inst. says: Word was brought to Quincy Friday that a man had been found dead in a tunnel about two miles from Cromberg. It was subsequently learned that the party was Cicero Bennett. He and his brother have been working on what was known as the Bennett mine during the past summer. For several weeks the brother has not been at work, and Cicero Bennett was working alone. It was customary for him to come to Cromberg every few days for his mail, and as he had not come for a week or so, a search was instituted with the above result. It is supposed that he died from heart disease, as he had been complaining for several years of that trouble. He is an old-timer in Plumas county, and was aged about 65 years. Justice of the Peace Wilson Deane went to Cromberg Saturday morning to hold an inquest.

C. P. Land Taxes.

The Elko Independent of the 14th inst. says: The Central Pacific Railroad Company has paid into the county treasury of Elko county the sum of \$977 67, being the amount of taxes assessed against said company on acco-

count of surveys and unpatented lands. This payment is made conditional, pending a suit against the railroad company in Washoe county for the collection of taxes on the same kind of property. If the said suit should terminate in favor of the county, the payment to this county of the said sum is absolute, and the amount can then be apportioned to the various funds.

San Francisco Meat Market.

Beyond a decline in the price of mutton, there is nothing of special interest to report. Receipts of all descriptions are equal to market needs. The following are the rates for while carcasses from slaughterers to dealers:

BEFF—First quality, 65¢; second quality, 60¢; third quality, 55¢ per lb.

WAL—Quotable at 55¢ for large and 50¢ for small.

MUTTON—Quotable at 75¢ per lb.

LAMB—Quotable at 85¢ per lb.; do, Spring, 90¢.

ORK—Live hogs, on foot, grain fed, medium, 55¢; heavy, 45¢; light, 40¢; do, dressed hogs, 75¢ per lb.

Reno's Feed Store.

E. A. Morrill & Co. have purchased, as will be seen elsewhere, the feed store in the McKiesick Opera House building, where they are prepared to furnish flour, grain, millstuffs, potatoes, hay and such other goods as can be found in a first-class feed store, at the lowest living rates. Goods delivered free.

Not Obligated to Go Out.

Mr. W.—"The idea of a man coming to the theater in such an intoxicated condition. I'll have the usher remove him."

Mrs. W.—"Let him alone, John; I think he is very considerate. He got all he wanted before he came in and will not be likely to annoy people by going out between the acts."

Buckhorn's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale.

THE DETROIT RIVER BRIDGE.

The Secretary of War has sent to the Senate the report of a board of army officers upon the practicability of and necessity for a bridge at Detroit. The board condemns a tunnel on account of cost and objections to operating it; reports against a suspension bridge of one span and a drawbridge, and recommends the plan of G. Lindenthal of a bridge 140 feet above water, with one central span of 1,000 feet opening and two side spans of 750 feet each, as offering the minimum impediment possible in the present state of the art of bridge building to lake traffic.

To stockmen and Ranchers.

J. Westlake makes men's heavy French kip shoes full stock to order for \$6.00. Try a pair.

Repairing neatly and promptly done.

HIGHEST AWARD IN OUR CLASS!

WE LEAD THEM ALL!

Bronze Medal! Bronze Medal!

There is no proprietary medicine in the world that has grown into popularity and favor in so short a period of time as the remedy known as THE GREAT SIERRA KIDNEY AND LIVER CURE.

The Sierra Chemical Co., manufacturers of these valuable goods is composed of bright, active Californians, of thorough and long experience in their line of business. They have shown wonderful enterprise in bringing before the public a purely vegetable compound, the chief ingredients of which are composed of herbs gathered on the sides and in the canons of the noted Sierra range of mountains, from which this remedy takes its name.

At the MECHANICS' EXHIBITION, 1889, this company were awarded the highest premium given to medicines—A BRONZE MEDAL. The committee that pronounced this verdict was composed of the two leading analytical professors on this coast, viz: Professors RISING and WENTZEL. This goes to prove its superiority over all other preparations. Delightful to the taste and as a positive cure for all Kidney, Liver and Bladder troubles it has no equal on earth.

All druggists sell these valuable goods.

TAKE NO OTHERS.

OSBURN & SHOEMAKER, Agents.

BREVITIES.

Local and General Intelligence.

Read W. Pinner's 50-cent ad. of shorthand taught.

Read the 50-cent ad. of John Barrett, who wants paving makers.

The lumber mills on Puget Sound have reduced their working time.

Yesterday's high wind was followed by a snowfall of about six inches.

Sacramento citizens are aroused on the subject of street improvements.

The Tuscadero Times receives its Winnemucca Silver State via Healdsburg, Cal.

On and after the 1st of next month banking hours in Reno will be from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

An opera company opened the Tacoma Theater Monday night. The place cost \$150,000.

Mrs. Pfister of Guernville, Cal., has been arrested for fruitfully beating her niece with a club.

Over 900 pounds of hams have been stolen from freight cars at Sacramento in the past few weeks.

Read the 50-cent ad. in to-day's paper of a situation of two men wanted to do housework or take care of children.

The violent wind storm of yesterday and last night compelled the abandonment of the V. & T. express.

Percy Douglas is being tried at Fresno, Cal., for shooting Brakeman Anson, near Madera, last February.

Members and visitors of Adah Chapter, O. E. S., are requested to read the call for a meeting in the 50-cent column.

Property stolen at San Jose, Cal., four months ago was found in the possession of two men arrested at Trenton, N. J., for burglary.

The Governor of California has issued a requisition on Wyoming for James McKinney, a fugitive from justice from Tulare county.

Large quantities of Texas beef are said to be scattered along the Southern Pacific all through New Mexico and Arizona wherever hay or grass can be found.

The Seattle Relief Committee is using part of the expended subscriptions for the relief of the fire sufferers to alleviate the miseries of the poor of that city.

The Federal Land Office at Sacramento has decided in favor of the claim of John B. Hobson of Iowa Hill. This needs confirmation by the General Land Office.

Be sure to get Hood's Sarsaparilla if you want a honest, reliable medicine. Do not take any other which is alleged to be "about the same" or "just as good." Insist upon having Hood's Sarsaparilla, which is peculiar to itself. Sold by all druggists. Try it.

WE TOOK THE WRONG MEDICINE.

Robert Stewart, of Petaluma, recently had a queer experience. He writes:

"Carcuncles and boils afflicted my face and neck for weeks. I tried a bottle of one of the leading sarsaparillas. To my surprise it made matters worse. This made me lose faith in sarsaparillas, but seeing a statement that Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla dried up boils and face eruptions instead of forcing more out as the potash sarsaparillas do, I bought a bottle. The effect was astonishing. The carbuncles and boils began to dry up, and in two weeks my face was as well and smooth as ever. My brother also took a bottle with the same benefit. ROBERT STEWART, Petaluma, Cal."

[Explanatory Note—The mineral iodide of potash, which is the basis of nearly all other sarsaparillas, attacks the blood directly, hence forces impurities through the skin, creating more boils and pimples. Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla acts oppositely. Its vegetable alkalies stimulate the various secretory organs and thus eliminate all impurities through the natural channels, hence dries up pimples and skin eruptions at once. The above testimonial is a case in point.]

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Repairing neatly and promptly done.

JOHN SUNDERLAND.

GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES!

OF Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Goods, BOOTS AND SHOES

LADIES' ISSUES AND CHILDREN'S

Don't Fail to Call and Examine Goods and Prices Before Purchasing.

Ladies' French Kid Boots reduced from \$5 to \$4, and down as low as \$2 per pair.

Ladies' Canvas Bals and Button for \$2.

Children's Shoes from 50 cents up.

Men's Wool Pants for \$3.

ALL GOODS WILL BE SOLD 20 Per Cent. Lower than Any House on the Coast.

MY MOTTO—The Greatest Value for the Least Money.

J. SUNDERLAND.

N. P. JAQUES.

Thompson's New Block.

Stoves, Hardware and Agricultural Implements.

Plumbing and Gas Fitting a Specialty.

Having had a practical experience of over thirty years in plumbing, tin and copper work, I believe that I can give satisfaction to all who may favor me with their orders.

Estimates made and good work done at the lowest possible prices.

MARCUS FREDRICK.

DEALER IN Tobacco, Cigars, Smokers' Materials, Etc.

Watch, Clock and Jewelry Repairing A SPECIALTY.

THE -- PUBLIC -- PATRONAGE -- IS -- INVITED.

Agency for the "Reno Evening Gazette."

NEXT DOOR TO W. O. H. MARTIN'S.

Riverside Flour Mills.

FOR A SUPERIOR ARTICLE OF FLOUR ask for RIVERSIDE.

If you want No. 1 Cornmeal ask for RIVERSIDE.

For it is always fresh, as we make meal every week.

OUR GRAHAM FLOUR is very nice.

Roller Barley and Other Mill Stuff In lots to suit.

Buckwheat Flour. Cracked wheat. Hominy. Oat meal. Rolled Oats. Rye Flour.

NO RETAIL.

Ask your Grocer for Riverside Flour and Meal.

45 COIN FOR GRAIN.

Riverside Mill Co.

C. NOVACOVICH. H. J. BERRY.

BERRY & NOVACOVICH.

DEALERS IN FANCY GROCERIES.

Green and Dried Fruits, Vegetables, Hardware, Crockery, Wines, Liquors, Tobacco and Cigars.

ALL THE NOVELTIES IN FANCY Groceries. No need to send away for choice goods. Cash trade solicited and satisfaction guaranteed.

A CHANGE.

BROOKS McCLEAN, HAVING purchased the old St. Elmo, and re-stocked it with a Fine Stock

Wines, Liquors & Cigars.

Is prepared to serve old as well as new patrons with the very best.

BROOKS McCLEAN.

\$1,000 REWARD FOR ANY CASE of private disease, Syphilis, Scrofula, etc., which

DR. RICHARD'S GOLDEN REMEDIES FAIL TO CURE.

No mercury, no restriction of diet. Circulars sent free. Correspondence answered promptly. Address DR. D. B. RICHARDS, No. 28 North Street, New York.

PALACE DRY GOODS HOUSE.

Silk Department. THE PALACE Dress Goods. For the next two weeks we shall offer our entire stock of dress goods at greatly reduced prices.

Dry Goods and Carpet House!

Great January Cloak Sale!

No need to tell that the weather has not favored Cloak business up to now. The remedy for such ills as a big cloak stock is to sell without reserve, no matter what the sacrifice. The public will get the benefit just at a time when a cloak will be of the most comfort. It will be

A Slaughter Sale of Cloaks in Mid-Winter!

MONDAY MORNING, JANUARY 6th we inaugurate this great sale, and in order to get the first choice we would advise intending purchasers to call early. This is a genuine February cloak sale in January.

Ladies' Cloaks.

3 Checked Astrachan trimmed Newmarkets, former price \$5, January price, \$3 50.

10 Black Diagonal Cloth Newmarkets, former price \$7 50, January price \$5 50.

5 Black Diagonal Cloth Newmarkets, trimmed in Astrachan, former price \$9, January price \$5 50.

3 Striped Scotch Cloth Newmarkets, former price \$9, January price \$6 50.

Ladies' Sealette Jackets and Wraps.

3 Sealette

MISCELLANEOUS.

JACOBS OIL

TRADE MARK

REMEDY FOR PAIN

Every application gives relief. Every bottle contains a cure. Every bottle tested as to quality. Every bottle bears the firm's signature. Every testimonial strictly true. Every patient is amazed and cured. Every such person is recommended.

Sold by Druggists and Dealers Everywhere.

THE CHARLES A. VOGELER CO., Baltimore, Md.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

Is acknowledged by Physicians to be the most effective and best preparation for the treatment of CONSUMPTION, SCROFULA, GENERAL DEBILITY, WASTING DISEASES OF CHILDREN, and CHRONIC COUGHS.

ALL DRUGGISTS, Scott & Bowne, New York

LEGAL

Delinquent Notice.

RENO ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY—Location of principal place of business, Reno, Nevada; location of works, Reno, Nevada. Notice—There is delinquent upon the following described stock, on account of Assessment No. 7, levied on the 25th day of November, 1899, the several amounts set opposite the names of the respective stockholders, as follows:

NAME	No. Cert.	No. Shs.	Am't.
Peck, S. W.	145	300	75.00
Peck, S. W.	152	300	75.00
Folsom, L. D.	133	200	50.00
Folsom, L. D.	141	200	50.00
Holt, F. S.	61	20	5.00
Holt, F. S.	160	6,350	1,039.50
Taylor, S. H.	108	100	25.00
Taylor, S. H.	151	100	25.00
Taylor, Mrs. S. H.	137	900	225.00
Taylor, Mrs. S. H.	147	900	225.00
Ruhe, H.	153	1,000	250.00
Ruhe, H.	171	3,725	931.25
Evans, Pierce	154	1,000	250.00
Evans, Pierce	165	1,000	250.00
Evans, Pierce	170	1,725	431.25

And in accordance with the law and an order of the Board of Trustees made on the 25th day of November, 1899, so many shares of capital stock of said stock as may be necessary will be sold at public auction by the Secretary, at the office of the company, on the 25th day of January, 1900.

At one o'clock P. M. of that day, to pay said delinquent stockholders, costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

P. B. COMSTOCK, Secretary.

Reno, Nevada, Dec. 26, 1899.

United States Land Office

SACRAMENTO CITY, CAL.

January 6, 1899.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled an act to the sale of timberland in the State of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory, Robert L. Fulton, of Reno, county of Washoe, State of Nevada, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1079, for the purchase of the S¹/₂ of NW¹/₄ and S¹/₂ of SW¹/₄ of Section No. 8, in Township 12 N. and Range 12 E., M. D. M. and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office, at Sacramento, Cal., on Tuesday, the first day of April, 1900.

He names as witnesses: J. P. Foulkes or Verdi P. O. Nevada; T. K. Stewart of Reno, P. O. Nevada; James Macfarley of Reno, P. O. Nevada; F. L. Gould of Reno, P. O. Nevada. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claim in this office on or before the first day of April, 1900.

SLEDEN HETZEL, Register.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF A. E. HENN, Insane.

An order having been made by the District Court of the State of Nevada, in and for the county of Washoe, directing a sale of certain real property belonging to A. E. Henn, Insane, which property is described as follows, to wit: Lots 7 and 8 in Block 2 in Range 12 E. in Washoe City, in said county, according to the official survey of said town, upon which lots there are certain improvements and frame structures. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as guardian of the person and estate of said A. E. Henn, will, in obedience to said order of court, offer at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand paid, on the premises, On Wednesday, the 8th day of January, 1900.

Between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and the setting of the sun on said day, beginning at the hour of 1 o'clock in the afternoon, said real property.

Dated this Dec. 15, 1899.

J. PORTER, Guardian of the estate and person of A. E. Henn, Insane.

Notice to Creditors.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE State of Nevada, in and for the county of Churchill.

In the matter of the estate of M. W. Hoyt, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate of M. W. Hoyt, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within ten months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator, at his place of business, about two miles north of Silverwater, and known as "Kaiser's Ranch," in said county of Churchill.

CHARLES KAISER, Administrator of the Estate of M. W. Hoyt, deceased.

Dated at Reno, January 6, 1899.

Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL persons having claims against the estate of Alexander McIntosh, deceased, to present the same to the executor of said estate at the law office of the undersigned, at Reno, in the county of Washoe, State of Nevada, for allowance, together with the proper proofs, within ten months from the time of the first publication of this notice. All claims and demands not presented for allowance within the time above stated will be forever barred.

Dated this January 15th, A. D. 1899.

JAMES J. GRANT, Executor.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Edward Dalton, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THOSE persons having claims or demands against the estate of Edward Dalton, deceased, to present the same for allowance, with the proper proofs, to the administrator, at the office of W. Webster, at Reno, in the county of Washoe, State of Nevada, within five months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated January 9, 1900.

MARY JANE DALTON, Administrator.

PECULIAR PIGMIES.

Rare and Diminutive Members of the Animal Kingdom.

Ponies as Small as Sheep—The Sacred Bull of India—Reverence Paid the Mideyed Creature by the Natives—Other Freaks of Nature.

In one of the zoological gardens of Europe a collection of animal pigmies was exhibited some years ago, and, perhaps, an assemblage of animals never attracted more attention, especially from the young folks.

The creatures that constituted this exhibition were not dwarfs, but merely forms that were extremely small naturally. There was a pony that once belonged to the Czar of Russia and so small and cunning was it that not a few of the spectators considered it a sheep, as it was about the size of one of these animals. With its fluffy mane, long hair and tail it presented a very comical appearance, and as for hoofs, they were so small and delicate that shoes had never been made to fit them, but, as the pony's life was spent on a soft green, it probably did not feel the need of them.

Quite as remarkable as the pony was a deer with perfect horns that was hardly larger than a good-sized cat, and a baby deer that was so diminutive that the hat of one of the visitors would have covered it. This little creature was called the Hogehol, and its home was in the deep forests of Abyssinia, near the Gambia river.

Another equally small deer, called the Delo, was of a rich fawn color, with white flanks and black ankles and a most expressive and intelligent face. The males only had horns, delicate little objects, of little or no use as a defense. The females had, instead, a curious bunch of hair upon the head that met at a point and seemed to resemble the top of a peaked night-cap.

One of the most interesting animals of this wonderful collection was a little fawn not over two feet high, with a coat of soft gray colors, great lustrous brown eyes and bearing upon its back a hump, says a writer in the Philadelphia Times. In fact, it was an exact copy, except as to size, of the famous sagged bull of India, being very closely related to the animal that is still so revered in many parts of the Eastern country.

This little animal is of especial interest, as but one has ever been brought to this country, and they are so rare that they have never figured in natural history. The sacred animals are called Brahma bulls in the East, and the attention paid to their wants by the natives is a source of astonishment to all foreigners.

The sacred animal wanders through the streets of the great cities, receiving homage wherever it goes. If it meets a native carriage or cart in a narrow street the vehicle is carefully pulled to one side that the animal may not be disturbed, and if the mid-eyed creature should thrust its head into the carriage window it would be considered a piece of good fortune by the driver, while the European occupant would probably object.

The actions of these animals are extremely amusing. They wander slowly along, nibbling from the various stands that line the streets, helping themselves to goods offered for sale, winking and blinking lazily their great brown eyes, well knowing, perhaps, that they are safe from all objection on the part of the owners. Sometimes they stray into houses and lie down in front of doors, and until they choose to move the inmates can not pass out, as it would be sacrilege to step over the sacred animal.

A naturalist traveling in India one night came to a small town that offered so many inducements that he decided to remain for several days. Such a thing as an inn was unknown, but he finally obtained lodging in a private house with a man of the better class, who was quite well off—this, he owned his house and land and several cattle.

The room occupied by the traveler was what would have been considered the hall of an ordinary house and not very private to say the least. A mat in the corner constituted his bed, but it was better than the jungle and he was very glad to get it.

He retired quite late and had been asleep for an hour or two when he was awakened by a clanking, as if a horse was coming into the house. Louder it grew, and hastily striking a light the traveler saw a large bull slowly coming along the hall. It approached within a few feet of him, and after sniffing around laid down and was soon fast asleep. The next morning the owner of the house seemed to think the traveler had been much favored in having so sacred a room-mate.

These animals are found not only in India but are more or less common in Persia, Arabia and even Africa, where they are known as the zebra, the name applying to several species, ranging from large to small. In some localities they are used as beasts of burden, as we use oxen here, but generally they lead a life of luxury, waited on and tended by the superstitious natives.

DOWN ON THE BABOON.

The Ape Sadly Demoralized by the Advance of Civilization.

The baboon, writes the Graaff-Reinet Advertiser, a South African paper, seems to be changing its nature with the changing climatic conditions. In former years he was a vegetarian, his worst offense being stealing mealies in the gardens when he got the chance. Now he has taken to other ways of getting a livelihood. Some say he has joined the carnivora. Any way, it is certain that he makes it a food business to get hold of lambs, tear them open and drink their mother's milk in their stomachs. Said a farmer the other day to a brother farmer: "Have you lots of honey on your farm?" Answer: "No, the baboons rob all the nests."

"How do they do it?" the bees would sting them to death." The answer was that probably the baboons did the work in the night when the bees were drowsy, sleepy and dull. Any way, he believed the baboons got off with the swag of honey wherever they could get at a nest.

Then Mr. Peter Booyesen, of Moorfontein, has his story to tell of the new development of the baboon: It attacks the wild aloes, pulls it down and tears out the pith for food. Mr. Booyesen, Sr., does not object to this, as he would be glad if all the wild aloes on his farm were cleaned out by any means whatsoever.

The special wish of the father and son is that baboons would take some food-providing operations which would get rid of the prickly pear. But, as the substance of the leaf and of the trunk of the prickly pear is nothing but water, the wish is not likely to be gratified. Any way, the poisoning clubs have classed the baboon with the wild carnivora, and the rifle and arsenic are now busy destroying him.

Farmers give interesting instances of the difficulty of poisoning the baboon, the fellow being about as "set" as a human being. One farmer believes the fellow tastes the poison as prepared and disgorged for him, and if he finds it is not a good thing for the stomach, spits it out. The farmer, however, has succeeded in giving the arsenic such palatable surroundings that the shrewdness of the baboon is not proof against the palatable temptation, and he dies.

DOWN IN VIRGINNY.

Some of the Quaint Customs Observed in the Old Dominion.

"I found a peculiar custom up at Shepherdstown, Va. where I spent my vacation," said Fred Ernst to a Washington Post man, "which was a novelty. The people have what they call 'soups.' A 'soup' is a sort of outdoor picnic. Each person invited brings a dressed chicken. The host provides the vegetables. The chickens and vegetables are put into huge kettles holding ten to twenty gallons and cooked over open fires for several hours until the combination is reduced almost to a jelly. Pepper and other seasonings are introduced. The young folks stir the soup with long-handled iron spoons, walking around the kettle as they stir. When a girl's spoon clicks against the spoon of a young man he is bound to catch and kiss her. As you can imagine, there are a good many lively scrimmages around the kettle. When the soup is done it is ladled out into plates and eaten, and it is delicious.

"The custom is an old one, and I was unable to find its origin. A company of Stonewall Jackson's command was recruited around Shepherdstown, and it still keeps up the organization. It has a reunion every year and celebrates the occasion with a grand 'soup.' A 'soup' of that company to be properly gotten up should be made of stolen chickens, but the veterans have had to give up foraging since the war, and now make a compromise with necessity by going around in squads and robbing each other's hen-roosts by a prearranged understanding.

"Colonel W. A. Morgan is the directing spirit in an agricultural fair which is held annually in Morgan's grove near Shepherdstown. A feature of the fair is a speech by some prominent man. This year General Rosser was the orator.

"Now, see here, General," said Colonel Morgan, "there are as many Union men around here as Confederates, so don't go blazing away against the North and offending these people."

"But I have my speech all written out," exclaimed General Rosser.

"Can't help it. Just talk about agriculture if you please."

"So the hero of the Shenandoah had to bottle his hurrah speech, though he couldn't help letting a little of it out.

"There was a traveling photographer up there," continued Mr. Ernst, "who came over to take a picture of Colonel Morgan's guests. We arranged ourselves on the front steps. General Rosser took his position on the porch. A couple of colored boys came out and stood on each side of the General.

"Get out of this," he shouted; "I don't want any darkeys in a picture with me!"

"The boys shot off into the house and sneaked around into the parlor, where they stood in the windows. When the pictures were finished there was General Rosser as natural as life with a grinning colored boy in each window at his back."

In a recent interview Emile Zola, the French novelist, said: "I have always instinctively kept clear of politics. A man can not be a politician and a literary man at the same time. These are two beings who strive in different ways for the same goal—that is, to be known and lauded by the multitude."

A PRAYER ANSWERED.

An Elder Who Did Not Reject Aid Providentially Sent.

Elder John Stephens held a pastorate in the Free Baptist church at Gardiner forty-four years ago. Nature, says the Lewiston (Me.) Journal, had dealt generously with Elder John. His big heart was incased in an iron frame of mammoth proportions. Remarkable alike for sincere piety and genuine humor, the good man so tempered his teachings as to make them acceptable to saint and sinner. Riding one day along the road to West Gardiner he overtook an ox-team that was stuck in the mud. The discouraged cattle had refused to pull, and the driver, who had sworn till the air was blue, was preparing to reel off another string of oaths when the parson stopped his horse and said: "Try prayer, my friend. Try prayer."

"Try it yourself," retorted the vexed teamster.

"I'll do it," said Elder John, and dropped on his knees in the wagon. For awhile he prayed around his subject as if afraid to touch it. Gradually, however, his faith strengthened, and in a voice which bade fair to arouse the neighborhood he besought the owner of the cattle on a thousand hills to move the hearts and legs of those stubborn

ENGINES HALF HUMAN.

Some of the Superstitions of Locomotive Engineers.

Some Carry Cats in the Cab for Good Luck and Others Do Not Care to Start on a Run on Friday—Presentiments of Accidents.

A great many tales have been told about railroad engineers and the queer notions they have about their "pets," as they call them. Some of these stories look all right in print, but in reality they are pure inventions. The Globe-Democrat correspondent resolved to interview a number of railroad engineers in view of securing their experiences with locomotives, and to find out, if possible, whether engineers, as a rule, are superstitious.

Creston is quite a railroad town, and is the end of a division. It is no trek at all to meet a half dozen railroad engineers, and as they are all good fellows, an interview is cheerfully granted.

Tom H— is one of the oldest and most reliable engineers on the C. & B. Q. railroad. Being asked concerning locomotives and their engineers, he said: "A locomotive engine is, to my mind, as near human as any inanimate object can be. Sometimes I think that they are more than half human. Of course that's all fancy, though. I have driven this engine, No. 483, for ten or fifteen years, and I know every inch of her, and know how to manage the old lady. Some days she gets cross and doesn't seem to care about working. Then I have got to coax her. Other days she'll feel bad and take on at a dreadful rate; then I've got to doctor her carefully. We fellows have a way of tending to these little matters. As a general rule my engine is in good trim and goes like a bird. She acts like a human, trembling with excitement if there is a prospect for fast running.

"Do I believe in presentiments? Well, I'll have to say yes. The night we went into a ditch near Malvern, smashing up things badly, I told Jim (the fireman) a half hour before the accident happened that something was coming, because I never before knew the engine to act so queer. She didn't want to go, and when I crowded her she pounded badly, seeming to drag like, along the rails. When the poor girl toppled over on her back in the ditch I thought she groaned awfully. I believe an engine smells danger ahead, somehow, and then goes to tremblin' and pounding. Leastwise mine always did."

"Ever see any ghosts?"

"Well, can't say that I ever did but once. We were coming west from Ottumwa about midnight. It was moonlight, and I could see ahead pretty well. We were nearing a place where a young girl had been killed while crossing the track on a little pony. As we came up rapidly I noticed something white on the track in front, and presently, to my horror and astonishment, I saw the shadowy outline of a young girl. She was holding a little pony by the bridle rein, and the animal was prancing with fright. Both were square on the track. I blew the whistle and turned on the air. At this moment the girl turned her face toward the engine. A long, cruel fear extended from her forehead to the chin. Her eyes had a pitiful look. But we couldn't have stopped the train for our lives. We dashed upon them and—went through the apparition like it was a cloud of mist. I felt a chilly sensation as we passed, and my blouse was damp, as if dew had fallen upon it. That was the only apparition I ever saw. Poor We ran over the girl, and has never ceased to grieve about it."

It is almost amusing to note the myriad of queer fancies that engineers have about certain things. Yet, as far as known, these fancies do not debar them from being brave and trustworthy men. While they may have many a superstitious fear that an accident is impending, it does not unnerve them, and is more likely to keep them on a sharper lookout. Many an engineer believes that his fate is only a question of time, while others believe themselves to be insured against accidents.

It is said that the engineer on one of the express trains that telescoped between Creston and Ottumwa some years ago, when so many passengers were killed, had vague forebodings of impending disaster for several days. It was a feeling that he could not shake off. His intuition proved correct, and, a horrible accident happened.

Brothers and Sisters.

Brothers and sisters are all the better for sharing one another's studies and games up to a certain point. The girl who can handle a tennis racket and a croquet mallet vindicates her right to consideration. The boys will never make a compromise with necessity by speaking of her as "only a girl," and she will be all the franker and none the less sweet for a healthy mixture of work and play. Good comradeship between brothers and sisters is a thing much to be desired; it saves the girls from prudery and the boys from boorishness, sweetens the natures of both, and acts by restraining every one from doing or saying what would be shameful in the eyes of the "other side."

A Taste of Luxury Once a Year.

A hoary-headed old tramp, rich with the experience of years, reaped a rich harvest on election day. Learning early upon his staff, he would approach a polling place. An embassy would hurry forward to receive him. He would remark that his old limbs were chilled, and he would warm up a bit before casting his vote. Borne into a saloon he would then be treated to the warmest and best potions in the house. By and by he would say: "What district is this?" and being answered would exclaim: "Ah, I am in such a district," and then march slowly away to work other places in the same manner.

Looking for the Strings.

Smart Girl—Mr. Niecefellow, this is my little sister, Miss Ella. What do you wish, pet? Why are you regarding the gentleman so intently?

Little Sister—I was looking for the strings, that's all.

Strings? What strings?

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